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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO MBFR VIENNA TALKS OCT 30

1. DURING CONVERSATION AUG 24 DANISH CHARGE POULSEN TOLD ME THAT ON RECENT CALL AT FONOFF TIVADAR MATUSEK, CHIEF OF "STUDIES" DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMED HIM THAT HUNGARY WOULD HAVE PERMANENT DELEGATION AT MBFR TALKS BEGINNING IN VIENNA OCT 30 HEADED BY JANOS PETRAN. LATTER IS KNOWN AS HUNGARY'S FOREMOST EXPERT ON MBFR AND DISARMAMENT MATTERS.

2. EARLIER POULSEN SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY COPENHAGEN TO VERIFY REPORT NATO HAD RECEIVED FROM CANDIAN CHARGE HERE TO EFFECT THAT GOH WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED IN VIENNA ON OCT 30. SAID HE CHECKED WITH CANADIANS HERE AND WAS TOLD THAT SOURCE FOR INFORMATION WAS ENDRE USTOR, CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFAIRS, AND HEAD OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO MBFR TALKS WHICH ENDED THIS SPRING. USTOR APPARENTLY TOLD CANADIANS HE "PROBABLY" WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO VIENNA LATE OCTOBER. FROM THIS STATEMENT CONCLUSION PRESUMABLY DRAWN HUNGARIANS WOULD NOT BE PRESENT IN VIENNA OCT 30.

3. VARKONYI, HEAD FONOFF DEPARTMENT V, CONFIRMS THAT USTOR WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO VIENNA. SAID GOH WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY PETRAN AS OBSERVER "FOR PURELY TECHNICAL REASONS" SINCE HUNGARY FOR PURPOSES OF VIENNA TALKS WAS NOT UNDER DISCUSSION. VARKONYI, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO HEAD HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO LAST MBFR MEETING VIENNA UNTIL HE BECAME ILL, COMMENTED THAT HE WAS GLAD HE HAD NOT HAD TO GO IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE WHICH WERE HUMILIATING TO USTOR PERSONALLY AND TO HUNGARY GENERALLY.
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